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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 895
By Springer, J

A RESOLUTION to honor Mrs. Videlle Warren Dabbs for laudable service to the people of Tennessee and recognize June 3, 2000, as "Videlle Dabbs Day" in Perry County.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should pause and pay special tribute to those outstanding individuals who have dedicated themselves to improving and nurturing the minds of this state's most precious natural resources: our children; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Videlle Warren Dabbs is one such esteemed professional who has devoted 41 years of meritorious service educating the children of Perry County; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the countless lives she has touched and the high standards she has set for her students, Perry County will celebrate June 3, 2000, as "Videlle Dabbs Day" at Linden Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, a native and lifelong resident of Perry County, Videlle Warren Dabbs was born on July 14, 1913, in the Rockhouse Community; and

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WHEREAS, she began her educational journey in Rockhouse at Sugar Hill School, which was built to serve as both a school and a church; the schools she attended had only one or two teachers per school; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dabbs earned her high school diploma from Perry County High School in 1932; she matriculated at Middle Tennessee State Teachers College in Murfreesboro the following fall; and

WHEREAS, after completing a successful year of college, Videlle Dabbs was certified to teach for four years, and then received a permanent elementary certificate; she shared her skills as an elementary teacher from 1933-39; and

WHEREAS, in 1940, Mrs. Dabbs returned to school at Middle Tennessee State Teachers College in Murfreesboro, where she received her Bachelor of Science Degree; and

WHEREAS, the 1940-41 school year marked the beginning of Mrs. Dabbs' estimable tenure as a high school teacher at Perry County High School; and

WHEREAS, after taking a leave of absence in 1950, Mrs. Dabbs taught at Lobelville High School during the 1950-51 school year; she then returned to Perry County High School, where she taught from 1951-75; and

WHEREAS, committed to excellence in education, Mrs. Dabbs attended Austin Peay State College, sacrificing her Saturdays throughout most of her teaching career, and earned a Master's of Arts degree on August 17, 1956; and

WHEREAS, a true inspiration to all educators, Mrs. Videlle Dabbs dedicated 41 years of her life to the youth of Perry County before retiring in 1975; and

WHEREAS, her passion and professionalism in teaching, and her genuine concern for her students has been recognized and praised throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Videlle Dabbs epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dabbs was fortunate to share love and compassion with her husband, Ottis James Dabbs, whom she married on March 23, 1945; both Mr. Dabbs and their son, James Warren Dabbs, have passed from this life to a far better existence; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Videlle Dabbs has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and an exceptional asset to her community; she still lives in the same house in which she was born io Rockhouse Road in Perry County; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the elected officials of this great state should pause and honor this remarkable lady for her immense contributions to the present and the future of Tennessee and our nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we applaud and express our thanks to Mrs. Videlle Warren Dabbs for her laudable service as an educator and salute her devotion to her students, fellow educators, and community. We join with the administration, faculty and students of Linden Elementary School and her friends and neighbors from all over the county in recognizing June 3, 2000 as "Videlle Dabbs Day" in Perry County, and extend to Mrs. Dabbs our best wishes in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.